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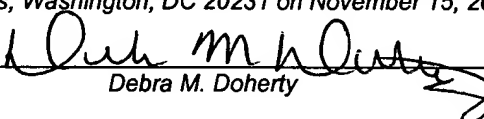
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the official action of July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A stent as defined in claims 1 wherein the arms of each of the nodes are arranged generally to define a spiral.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) In a radially expandable tubular intraluminal stent defined by and having a plurality of interconnected members deformable to a larger diameter tubular configuration, the improvement comprising a plurality of nodes, each defined by